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SUBJECT: UN EMERGENCY OPERATION: US RESPONSE TO
PREBISCH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ASSIST-
ANCE TO MSA'S

REF: USUN A-1082 OF AUG 23

1. MISSION REQUESTED TO REPLY TO PREBISCH'S INFORMAL
NOTE DATED AUGUST 16 WHICH TRANSMITTED QUESTIONNAIRE ON
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TOMSA'S, USING FOLLOWING TEXT:

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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PREBISCH, IN YOUR NOTE OF

AUGUST 16 YOU REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED OR CONTEMPLATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO GIVE TIMELY RELIEF TO THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, AND ENCLOSED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO THIS END.

AT THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DONORS AND POTENTIAL DONORS TO THE EMERGENCY OPERATION, I (OR: AMBASSADOR SCALI) REAFFIRMED THE PLEDGE MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL, IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IT WILL EXPEND FOR FOOD SHIPMENTS TO NATIONS IN NEED. CROP PRODUCTION AND OTHER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MY GOVERNMENT TO SPECIFY ITS TOTAL FOOD AID AT THIS TIME.

THE ENCLOSED TABLE, HOWEVER, PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF US ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS PROVISIONALLY DESIGNATED AS MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. THE FIGURES INCLUDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA), EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE SAHEL UNDER THE SAME LEGISLATION, DEBT RELIEF AND FOOD AID. THE FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1974 ARE THE MOST RECENT ESTIMATES OF ACTUAL COMMITMENTS. FOR FY 1975 THE TOTALS REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING CONTAINED IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AID LEVELS UNDER P.L. 480 INDICATED IN THE SAME DOCUMENT, AND PROJECTED DEBT RELIEF.

IN ADDITION TO THIS ASSISTANCE EFFORT, THE UNITED STATES MAKES SIZABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONCESSIONAL LENDING FACILITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND THE FUND FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE GREATER PART OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS IS ALSO DIRECTED TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTE VERBALE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF AUGUST 1 (A/AC.168/5) AND FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (A/AC.168/6). THE UNITED STATES EXTENDS SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN ESPECIALLY HARD HIT BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND THIS INFORMATION USEFUL. WE
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FY 1975 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS
THEY MAY AFFECT THE EMERGENCY OPERATION. SINCERELY,
END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOULD BE ANNEXED TO NOTE:

----- ESTIMATED US ASSISTANCE TO THE MSA'S

----- (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

-----FY 74(1) -----FY 75 (2)

BANGLADESH-----	64,274-----	107,169
EL SALVADOR-----	8,996-----	12,394
ETHIOPIA-----	24,064-----	26,241
GHANA-----	4,067-----	14,438
GUYANA-----	248-----	3,624
HAITI-----	10,668-----	10,855
HONDURAS-----	25,416-----	22,736
INDIA-----	79,523-----	158,583
KENYA-----	12,011-----	7,792
KHMER REP.-----	263,789-----	187,011
LAOS-----	36,586-----	55,458
LESOTHO-----	1,830-----	3,806
MADAGASCAR-----	244-----	168
PAKISTAN-----	115,842-----	210,444
SRI LANKA-----	8,334-----	18,786
SUDAN-----	6,344-----	15,910
TANZANIA-----	7,733-----	12,054
YEME; AR-----	4,905-----	13,574
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CWR (3)-----103,081-----119,423

TOTAL -----777,955 -----1,000,466

FOOTNOTES:

(1) REPRESENTS THE MOST RECENT ESTIMATES OF ACTUAL AID
OBLIGATIONS, PL 480 SHIPMENTS AND DEBT RELIEF FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 1974.

(2) THESE FIGURES REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST
TO CONGRESS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR
FISCAL YEAR 1975 CONTAINED IN AID'S CONGRESSIONAL
PRESENTATION, PL 480 LEVELS INDICATED IN THE SAME DOCUMENT
AND PROJECTED DEBT RELIEF.

(3) CWR IS THE CENTRAL WEST AFRICA REGION AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVISIONALLY IDENTIFIED BY THE UN AS MSA'S: CAMAROOON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, DAHOMEY, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, AND UPPER VOLTA.

BECAUSE MUCH OF THIS ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SEPARATE COUNTRY TOTALS. SISCO

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